

1324

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-THE BI-WEEKLY FREE NO-THEME 'ZINE-

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Intro

Bye bye 2020

*So this is Christmas
And what have you done
Another year over
A new one just begun*

*And so this is Christmas
I hope you have fun
The near and the dear ones
The old and the young*

*A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fears*

Enjoy the zine, see you next year!

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Weather

A little bit of everything



Junagadh
India
30° C / 86 °F



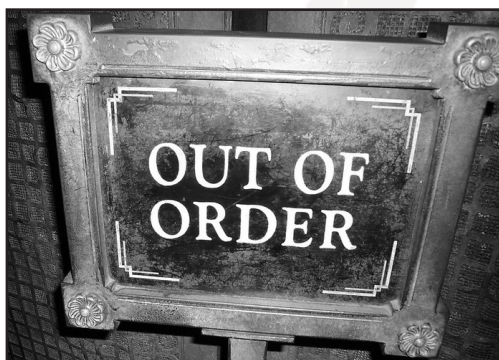
Balikpapan
Indonesia
29 °C / 85 °F



Huehuetenango
Guatemala
26 °C / 78 °F

Out Now

Don't bother, currently out of order:



Michael Gray visited Disney's *MGM Studios* in Hollywood, but was greeted with this sign. Mickey was probably on a lunch break. Spotted an *Out Of Order* sign yourself? Please send it to us at [this address](#). Thanks!

Go Dutch

In one word a week

'Aftellen' (verb)
pronounce: ahf-tell-lun

This word translates to '(to) countdown'.

In a sentence

We zijn begonnen met het aftellen naar volgende jaar
We've started the countdown to the next year.

Also...

De dagen aftellen - Counting down the days

Aftelklok - Countdown clock/timer

Optellen - Adding up (this is used with numbers/mathematics)

Ik telde af / Hij/zij telde af / Zij telden af - I counted down, he/she counted down, they counted down.



Little known facts

The Zodiac ciphers

The 1960's and 70's serial killer known as the *Zodiac Killer* sent multiple letters and ciphers (encoded messages) to the police and press. He demanded they would be printed on each paper's front page or he would "cruse [sic] around all weekend killing lone people in the night then move on to kill again, until I end up with a dozen people over the weekend". The included ciphers have intrigued cryptographers all over the world for years, because most of them seemed impossible to crack. The first cipher had 408 characters and was decoded in 1969. Another two were decoded just last year, while one of the most famous ones was cracked just three week ago(!). Most cryptographers hoped this last cipher would unveil the identity of the zodiac killer, but sadly that wasn't the case. If you would like to read all about the ciphers (and there's a LOT of it!) we suggest you take a look at [this website](#).

Trivia

Plenty of questions. Can you come up with the answers?

- [01] What day was the first day of 2020?
- [02] In what month was **1324** issue #1 published?
- [03] How many players are on the ice during an ice hockey game?
- [04] Which country has more inhabitants: Bolivia or Colombia?
- [05] In which country is *J-Pop* made?
- [06] True or False: *Woody Pop* is a SEGA Game Gear game?
- [07] What gives fireworks its colours?
- [08] From what material are most bouncy balls made?
- [09] Do Koala bears have sharp or blunt teeth?
- [10] Is *Kiribati* a dish from Indonesia or a country?
- [11] Is it possible to see the planet Mercury from Earth?
- [12] How many days will february have in 2021?
- [13] Which domain extension does not exist: .kim, .space or .123?
- [14] What's the name of Pinokkio's father?
- [15] Do 50 inches fit into a meter?

Answers on page four.

512KB

Everything that fits, sits. This week: A selection of SEGA Game Gear games you might want to check.

It's been a particularly good year for the SEGA Game Gear, with not just one but (count 'em) 6 different Game Gear micro consoles and even a completely new game. '6 micro consoles?' you might say. There were 5 different ones, weren't there? Yes, but a sixth has just been released by developer M2 in a limited edition with the *Aleste Collection* for PS4 and Switch. This white Game Gear micro has all the different 8-bit Aleste games on it, including a completely new game: *Aleste 3* (or *GG Aleste 3* to give it its full title). The editor of this zine thought it was high time her trusty Game Gear was fired up once again and invested in a refurbished machine and some new games. Game on!

Ariel the Little Mermaid

Based on the Disney movie from 1989. It's a cute game in which you control Ariel and Triton and try to rescue the merpeople. The graphics and music are quite nice, but the game is really rather easy and has just four levels and a final battle against the Sea Witch *Ursula*. Definitely not the best Disney Game on the Game Gear, but still 'okay'.



Aladdin

More *Disney*, but this game is much more impressive. The levels are more varied than Ariel's and look better. There's levels in Agrabah, the Cave of Wonders, the Treasure Chamber, the Sultan's palace and even the magic carpet ride made it in. A cute game, but still rather challenging!



Baku Baku Animal

This is very sweet puzzler in which you try to feed the animals by placing them next to the blocks of their favourite food. There's dogs, rabbits, monkeys and even panda's. A very playable game in the vein of *Dr. Mario*.



Castle of Illusion (Mickey Mouse)

This is one of first games I ever played and that's not a bad start! Great graphics (for 8-bit anyway), catchy tunes and six very fun levels, each with their own boss battle. Very, very playable and only beaten by its sequel (*Land of Illusion*).



Gamble Panic

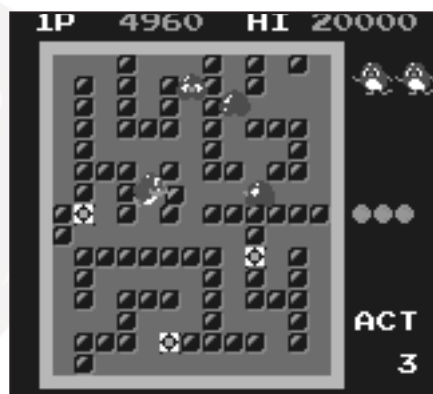
A Japanese-only release, sadly as it's quite a bit of fun. There's poker and blackjack yes, but also claw machines, billiards, a price wheel, a slot machine, sliding puzzles and much more. Perfectly suited for the Game Gear.



Oh no! Who changed all the colourful Game Gear screenshots into Game Boy looking ones?!

Lemmings

Ahhh, this puzzle game is one of my personal favorites. There's 120 levels of guiding the little Lemmings to the goal. This conversion is really rather good. Colourful graphics, all the catchy music and even a head-to-head mode. Its sequel (*Lemmings 2: The Tribes*) was made, but sadly never found its way to the shops.



Pengo

A simple but VERY playable puzzle game in which you're trying to squash the 'sno-bees' with ice blocks. There's 64 levels of action and dancing Penguins in between. A game that's easy to find and not overly expensive.

Shining Force: The Sword of Hajya

The only Game Gear *Shining Force* game released in the West. It looks great and has a fun story. Hours of quality RPG action, but hard to find and expensive.



Tales from the Tube

Strange happenings from the world of the Underground / Subway / Metro

Reality can sometimes be stranger than fantasy. Recently a Dutch subway train was saved from falling into the pond below by the statue of a whale in that very same pond. You couldn't make it up, could you? Here's that and a few more 'Tales from the Tube'.

Tale of the Tail

Dutch architect and artist *Maarten Struijs* probably had no idea his sculpture would one day save a metro train from falling in the pond below. His sculpture *Whale Tails*, is made of polyester and was placed in the water at the end of the metro tracks in 2002. On the 2nd of november of 2020 the driver of one of the metro trains between Rotterdam and Spijkenisse lost control and crashed through a safety barrier. The front carriage was left hanging 10m (30 feet) above the water, propped up only by the giant silver sculpture. Many people suggested to keep the train on the sculpture, but it remained there for less than a day. Two large cranes worked in tandem on tuesday morning, placing chains around the front and rear of the train's foremost carriage to support it. Workers also cut it loose from another carriage and removed its wheels before the train was lowered slowly to the ground. Strangely enough the sculpture itself was hardly damaged by the train.

Filed under 'D' for Disaster

The German city of Cologne gave the go ahead for a new metro line in 2004. This new line would connect the Northern and Southern parts of the network. Work was well underway when disaster struck: water was flooding into the building pit and this eventually caused the complete collapse of three buildings, including the city's historical archive. Workers sensed there was something wrong and warned employees and visitors in the city's historical archive building (which lied adjacent to the shaft) to run for their lives. Minutes later the heavy concrete building and its heavy weight of historical books and papers collapsed partly into the shaft and into the gaping hole in the sidewalk and beneath the building. It turned out that the hole in the sheet pile was caused because the steel brackets that held the plates of one of the walls together were stolen. Around 90% of the archival records were buried by the collapse and while some could be restored others were lost forever. More importantly, two lives were lost: both were resident of the adjacent apartment buildings.



Race the Tube

Think you're fast? François de la Taille from France thought he could race the tube between the Parisian metro stations *Odeon* and *Cluny -La Sorbonne*. He exited the train at Odeon and ran so fast he could catch the same train at the next stop (Cluny -La Sorbonne). It sounds insane, but it is actually true. He even 'had the time' to trip on the stairs and wait for the gates. A few years later a man from the UK did the same between the London Underground stations *Mansion House* and *Cannon Street*. Both runs can be seen on Youtube ([here](#) and [here](#)).

Water on the Platform

Multiple stations of the London underground have an interesting history. Of them is Holborn. The station itself was opened in 1906 but had many of its branches temporarily or fully closed. In the 40's one of these closed branches was used to store items from the *British Museum* during the blitz. The eastern branch was finally closed in 1994, but got an interesting new future as the backdrop for many music videos, including *Turn back Time* by *Aqua*, *Saturday Night* by *Suede*, *Release the Pressure* by *Leftfield* and *New Song* by *Howard Jones*. Many years before, *Patrick Blackett* (who won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the positron) had already used the closed off branches for something rather different. He installed a cosmic ray detector(!) on the platform. It used a huge 11 ton magnet and a cloud chamber and was built to unveil 'the mysteries of the universe'. Cor!

Barren street Station

Chongqing, a city in central China has one of the most bizarre subway stations in the world. Caojiawan Station, a stop on line 6 was opened in 2015. It has three exits, but only of them is in 'service'. We've put in service between quotes as the exit is overgrown with weeds and there are no roads connected to the station. This means that after leaving the station, passengers end up in the middle of nowhere and have to walk through the barrens. Unsurprisingly, this stop, which actually looks quite futuristic on the inside, is hardly ever used by anyone.



A picture of the Caojiawan Station from [Unusual Places](#). 'Mind the gap' indeed.

But wait, there's more!

There's plenty of other *Tales from the Tube*. Here's a few:

- [8 Crazy NYC Subway Stories](#)
- [Underground: Tales for London \(book\)](#)
- [Stories under Paris - A metro fantasy](#)

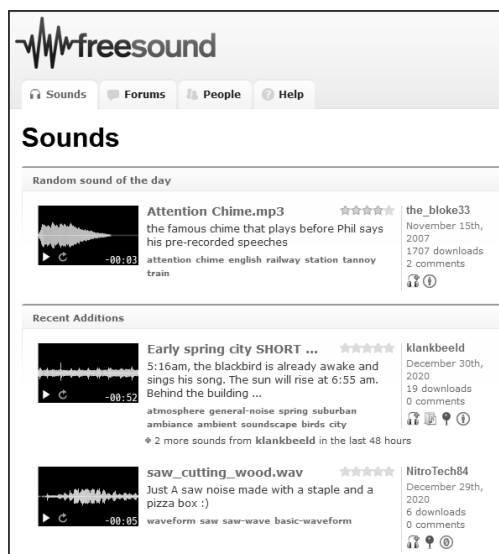
FREE: Sound

What's that I hear? Oh, it's free sound

Looking for the sound dial modems used to make, a purring cat or a mad scientist?

Stop searching and forward your browser to Freesound.org because Freesound's aim is to create a 'huge collaborative database of audio snippets, samples, recordings, and all sorts of bleeps released under *Creative Commons* licenses that allow their reuse.'

Sounds good to us! (not pun intended).



Quality Quote

Words to go by

'There is no friend as loyal as a book.'

-Ernest Hemingway

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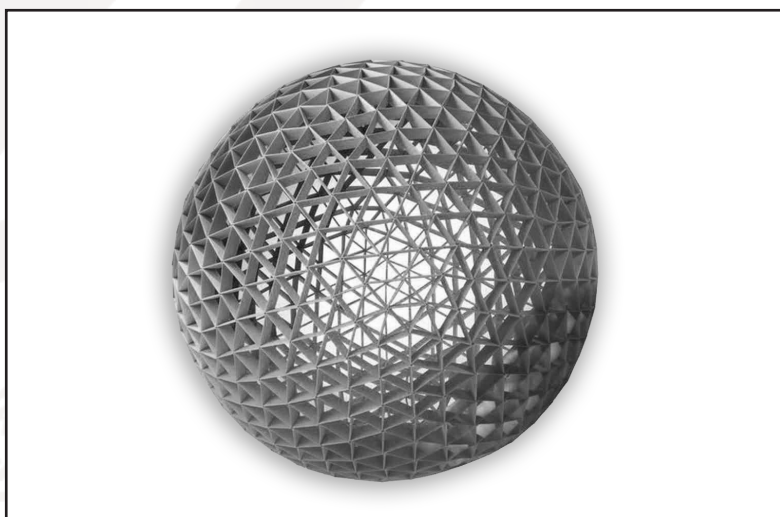
Paper Art

The origami art by Miyuki Kawamura (川村みゆき)

One of the few paper shapes I'm able to fold are those 'fortune tellers', that thing with eight flaps, each concealing a message. That's pretty much what it is: paper folding. The work of *Miyuki Kawamura* is something else, it's an art.

Miyuki is a renowned origamist who completed her Master's course in *Material science* at Kobe University, Japan. She actually combined this knowledge with one of her hobbies to create something called 'Module origami'. It's a technique that can be used to create impressive geometric shapes (such as polyhedrons) out of paper.

One of her most famous designs is the *Cosmosphere* (seen below), but since 1993 (when Miyuki released her first work *Twister*, while still in school), she developed hundreds of origami designs including flowers, animals and even cars. Many of them can be found in Japanese origami magazines, but it shouldn't be hard to track down her book *Polyhedron Origami for beginners* in your own language.



Miyuki's magical 'Cosmosphere' (コスモスフィア)

Trivia: The Answers

Plenty of answers. Can you come up with the questions?

- [01] It was a wednesday.
- [02] August
- [03] If there's no one in the penalty box, there's 12. Six on each team.
- [04] Colombia (~49 million), Bolivia has 'just' ~11.6 million.
- [05] Japan. Strangely it includes more than just pop music.
- [06] True. It's an enjoyable *Arkanoid* type of game.
- [07] The colors are produced by heating metal salts such as sodium nitrate.
- [08] Not the most difficult question was it? Indeed, it's rubber.
- [09] Sharp, even though they're herbivores.
- [10] It's an independent island nation in the central Pacific Ocean.
- [11] Yup
- [12] Just 28 as this year as a leap year.
- [13] .123. Numbers are currently not used in top level domains.
- [14] Geppetto
- [15] No, as one inch = 2.54cm.

The next issue of **1324** will be released in 2021. Until next year!

